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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | | | |
| FOR | | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA |
| TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS | | minus 20 = | * |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | | minus 3 = | * |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY
TYPE

OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

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| RATE | Fee |
| BASIC FEE | 150.00 |
| X\$ 25= | |
| X100= | |
| +180= | |
| TOTAL | |

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| RATE | Fee |
| BASIC FEE | 300.00 |
| X\$50= | |
| X200= | |
| +360= | |
| TOTAL | |

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

| AMENDMENT A | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
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| | Total | Independent | | |
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| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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SMALL ENTITY OR

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| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
| X\$ 25= | |
| X100= | |
| +180= | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | |

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| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
| X\$50= | 350 |
| X200= | |
| +360= | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | 350 |

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

| AMENDMENT B | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
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| | Total | Independent | | |
| | Minus | Minus | ** | = |
| | | | *** | = |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
| X\$ 25= | |
| X100= | |
| +180= | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | |

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| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
| X\$50= | |
| X200= | |
| +360= | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | |

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

| AMENDMENT C | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
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| | Total | Independent | | |
| | Minus | Minus | ** | = |
| | | | *** | = |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
| X\$ 25= | |
| X100= | |
| +180= | |

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| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
| X\$50= | |
| X200= | |
| +360= | |

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 5, 2005

Applicant hereby files this Response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2005 and having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 5, 2006. Please consider the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

A replacement claim set is provided beginning on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 8.

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Attorney Docket No.: 50-0061

U.S. Patent No. 4,262,726 of Welter. Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 1,557,437 of Dodge in view of Pratt.

Each of these rejected claims is a dependent claim depending from independent claim 1 or 23. For the reasons provided above regarding independent claims 1 and 23, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these dependent claims that depend therefrom.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests the timely issuance of the Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this pending patent application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the below signed attorney at the convenience of the Examiner. In the event there are any fees or charges associated with the filing of these documents, including late filing fees, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-3085 for any necessary amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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